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where R<sub>6</sub> is a methyl group, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub>, R<sub>10</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> are a hydrogen atom at the same time and R<sub>11</sub> is a benzyl group or a p-hydroxy benzyl group, at the same time; and

where R<sub>2</sub> or R<sub>4</sub> is a methoxy group, R<sub>3</sub> is a hydroxyl group, R<sub>10</sub> is a methyl group, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> or R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub> and R<sub>9</sub> are hydrogen atoms at the same time, and R<sub>11</sub> is a benzyl group or a p-hydroxy benzyl group.

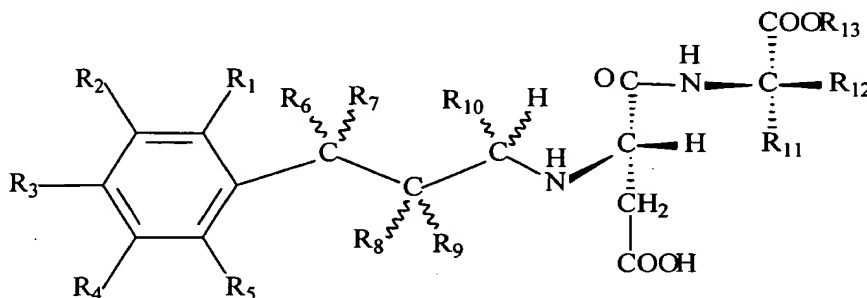
### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

1. (Amended) An N-alkylaspartyl dipeptide ester compound, and salts thereof,

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represented by the formula (1):



wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are independent from each other, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an alkoxy group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms and a hydroxy alkyloxy group having two or three carbon atoms, and R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub>, or R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub>, optionally, form a methylene dioxy group, and R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>1</sub> or R<sub>3</sub> which do not form the methylene dioxy group are defined

as above;

R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> are independent from each other, a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group with 1 to 3 carbon atoms; and optionally, two of R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> may combine to form an alkylene group with 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> which do not form the alkylene group with 1 to 5 carbon atoms are defined as above;

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R<sub>11</sub> is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a benzyl group, a p-hydroxy benzyl group, a cyclohexyl methyl group, a phenyl group, a cyclohexyl group, a phenyl ethyl group and a cyclohexyl ethyl group;

R<sub>12</sub> is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom and an alkyl group with 1 to 3 carbon atoms; and

R<sub>13</sub> is selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups with 1 to 4 carbon atoms; with the proviso that the following are excluded:

where R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> are hydrogen atoms at the same time,

where R<sub>6</sub> is a methyl group, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub>, R<sub>10</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> are a hydrogen atom at the same time and R<sub>11</sub> is a benzyl group or a p-hydroxy benzyl group, at the same time; and

where R<sub>2</sub> or R<sub>4</sub> is a methoxy group, R<sub>3</sub> is a hydroxyl group, R<sub>10</sub> is a methyl group, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> or R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub> and R<sub>9</sub> are hydrogen atoms at the same time, and R<sub>11</sub> is a benzyl group or a p-hydroxy benzyl group.

2. (Amended) The compound as defined in claim 1, wherein R<sub>3</sub> is a methoxy group, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub>, R<sub>10</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> are hydrogen atoms, R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>13</sub> are methyl groups and R<sub>11</sub> is a benzyl group.

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4. (Amended) The compound as defined in claim 1, wherein R<sub>2</sub> is a methoxy group, R<sub>3</sub> is a hydroxyl group, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub>, R<sub>10</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> are hydrogen atoms, R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>13</sub> are